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Linda Penner, Chair
 Board of State & Community Corrections
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Dear Ms. Penner:

This is a request to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to redirect the Colusa County conditional SB 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitation Facilities Construction funds to Yuba County to build a Tri-County Regional Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility as permitted by Senate Bill No. 365, enrolled on October 7, 2013. Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 365, Chapter 627, SEC. 3, WIC 1978, if the BSCC receives a request and determines the redirection of SB 81 conditional funds to another county will result in cost savings, regional efficiencies, improved outcomes and enhanced services for minors, the BSCC may authorize the redirection of the original conditional award.

On November 8, 2010, the Colusa County Probation Department received an SB 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitation Facilities Construction conditional award from the Corrections Standards Authority, now known as the Board of State and Community Corrections, for the construction of a juvenile rehabilitation facility. The award was for \$5,655,740.00, and required a cash match of \$297,671.00.

Chapter 627, SEC. 3, provides for Colusa County, who has been conditionally awarded financing under SB 81, Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facilities Construction Financing, to apply to the BSCC and request that the conditional award be redirected to Yuba County for the development and construction of a new podular designed approximately 48 bed Tri-County (Yuba/Sutter/Colusa) Regional Juvenile Hall to be located in Marysville, California.

Currently, the Yuba/Sutter Bi-County Juvenile Hall detains minors from Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa counties. The existing Bi-County facility is outdated and not favorable to industry standards. Discussions with Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba County's staff explored the feasibility of a Tri-County Regional Juvenile Hall Rehabilitation Facility in order to best serve the interest of the juvenile population in the three counties. Discussions lead

toward the possibility of using Colusa County's SB 81 conditional award to fund a Tri-County Regional Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility.

Sutter and Yuba Counties have had a long standing partnership dating back to the early 1970's with operating the existing Bi-County Juvenile Hall. This partnership has fostered a solid relationship for over 35 years. This relationship regularly pools resources and provides services that would not otherwise be available to counties of their size. This has led to improved outcomes for probation youth in the Yuba-Sutter communities. Adding Colusa County to this partnership will enhance an already positive relationship with the three (3) counties. The counties share similarities with their youth and a Tri-County Facility will lead to more positive outcomes and ultimately less recidivism with our probation youth. A regional facility shared by Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba Counties is an innovative and forward approach to providing services that can be sustained for years to come.

The existing Bi-County Juvenile Hall was built in the 1940's and last renovated in 1976. It is operated under a Joint Powers Agreement between Yuba and Sutter Counties. Yuba County Probation is the administrative agency responsible for the management and daily operation of the facility. The facility is a single story 13,113 square foot structure. It is linear in style and particularly outdated which hinders the ability to maintain and ultimately keep up with industry advancements and standards. The current Bi-County Juvenile Hall's linear design and outdated utilities hinders programming, safety and security, and the mental health of minors.

A new podular designed approximately 48 bed Tri-County Regional Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility is a win-win situation for the state and local three counties. A podular designed facility would lend itself to be more conducive to Evidence Based Programming and help better serve minors with mental health issues. The goal is to build three (3) pods with each pod's capacity at 16. This configuration would allow for one staff member for every eight minors making the facility Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliant. PREA is a new Federal requirement that comes effective in 2017 and will be very difficult to meet without a new podular designed facility.

It is anticipated each pod (housing unit) will have a class room, medical, and mental health offices. The podular design will enhance programming delivery, medical, mental health, and the safety and security of the minors. Evidence Based Practices is essential to rehabilitating probation youth. Unfortunately, probation youth often spend a period of time incarcerated and it is vital to their success that when incarcerated the environment is conducive to providing Evidence Based Programming. A new regional facility will help combat current program difficulties and will ultimately expand the county's ability to service our youth and their families. The Tri-County Regional Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility will be built on Yuba County owned land that is adjacent to the current Bi-County facility. Having this facility built on the proposed land is centrally located for all three counties, easing family travel, to help motivate families to participate in their minor's programming and rehabilitation.

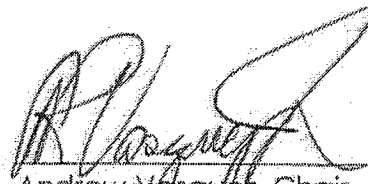
Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the BSCC authorize the redirection of the Colusa County SB 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitation Facilities Construction conditional award and move the funding to the Yuba County to build a 48-bed Tri-County Regional Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility to be located in Marysville, California.

Sincerely,

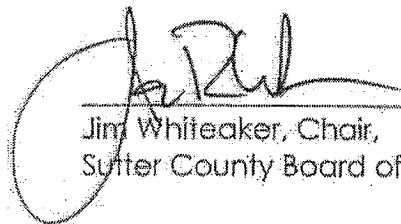
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